

# NEWS from the HEART...

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School  
10 McCann Crescent, Lenah Valley



20 May 2026



*Loving God,*

We give thanks for the rich cultures, histories, and wisdom of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Help us to listen with open hearts, to speak with kindness, and to act with courage.

Guide our school community to walk gently on this land, to honour truth, and to build relationships grounded in respect and hope.

May we be **All In** for reconciliation today and every day.

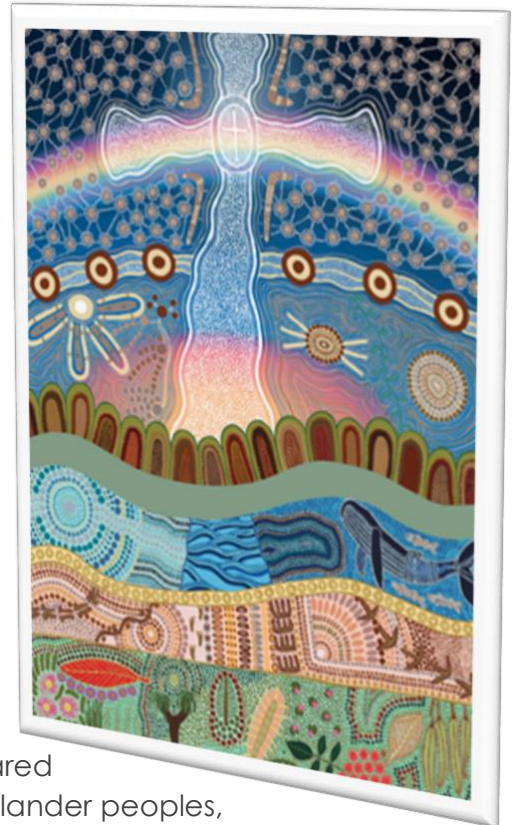
*Amen.*

*Dear Families*

Next week, we join communities across Australia in marking National Reconciliation Week - a time to learn about our shared histories, celebrate the strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and reflect on how each of us can contribute to a more just and connected future.

This year's theme, **All In**, reminds us that reconciliation is not something we watch from the sidelines. It calls us to listen deeply, build respectful relationships, and take meaningful action in our everyday lives.

At Immaculate Heart of Mary, our students engage in learning experiences that honour First Nations cultures, stories, and perspectives. We invite our families to join us in embracing the spirit of **All In**, as we continue to grow as a community that walks together with hope, courage, and respect.



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## Cross Country Carnival

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A huge acknowledgement to our students for their outstanding participation in our Cross Country Carnival. It was fantastic to see students challenging themselves, celebrating each other's efforts, and representing Dillion, Donohoe and Young with pride throughout the day. Thank you to our staff and families for your support in making the event such a success.

Miss Longey will announce the winning house at our assembly next week ....

Selected students will represent Immaculate Heart in the STCPSSA Carnival on Friday 29 May.



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## Building Project – Tools Down!

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This week marks a significant milestone for our school, with Maveric Builders officially putting their “tools down” as the major works to transform our school come towards completion.

Monday's partial opening of the new stairway gave students and families their first opportunity to experience this exciting new space and the impact it is already having across our community.

Over the coming months, several finishing touches will complete the project, including wayfinding signage, landscaping and new fencing along McCann Crescent, sound panelling in the Hall and Performing Arts space, and new fencing surrounding Abigail's Garden.

Thank you to our families, neighbours, students and staff for your patience, flexibility and support throughout this project. We are incredibly proud of what has been achieved and excited to see these new spaces enjoyed by our community for many years to come.

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## Kiss & Drop

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Our 'Kiss & Drop' will return to McCann Crescent next week. Members of the Leadership Team will continue to supervise bus students and parent pick-up from this location to ensure safe and smooth movement at the end of the day.

We ask all parents to comply with parking signs. Vehicles left unattended in the non-parking zone create banked traffic and make the area difficult to manage safely. Your support helps us keep the flow moving and ensures a calm, predictable end to the day for all students.

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## Dance Club – Southern Eisteddfod Performance

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Our Dance Club students are looking forward to representing Immaculate Heart in the Southern Tasmanian Dance Eisteddfod for the very first time. This is a wonderful milestone for our school, and we are deeply grateful to **Mrs Morozoff** and **Miss Patterson** for creating this opportunity and guiding our dancers with such enthusiasm and passion to perform.

As part of the performance requirements, students will need jazz shoes. If your child has outgrown a pair and you happen to have them at home, we would be grateful for any donations to support our performers.

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# Focus From the Heart

**Nurturing Hearts** is Immaculate Heart of Mary's 'Set Up for Success' Early Learning Program for children aged from Birth to Five and their families. Our weekly program invites children to explore, discover and interact in engaging 'hands-on' experiences that support learning and development at an age-appropriate level and pace.

Simultaneously, we support parents in their role as the primary educators of their child to better understand childhood development and the importance of early learning in the critical first 1000 days, giving their child the best possible start to their learning. Our wonderful community of little learners and their families is also a special place to build connections to our school and staff, and to forge enduring friendships with other families!

Every term we focus on a broad theme or interest and, this term, our learning and play experiences encourage children to develop an interest in *Traditional Tales and Modern Classics* - stories that offer children imaginary experiences with 'real life' feelings and problems, in order to help them to identify and understand emotions, and to problem-solve solutions. Additionally, we offer a 'Gross Motor Morning' once per term in our school Hall, and the opportunity to attend a termly Excursion too!

We warmly invite families in our local community, with a child aged from birth to five, to join Mrs Brook and Mrs Wall on Friday mornings, from 9:00-10:30am in our Kindergarten space! If your own children are a little too old for our program, feel free to bring along a younger family member!



**NURTURING** **TERM TWO 2026**

Welcome to Term Two of Nurturing Hearts for 2026!

The focus for this term's learning experiences is **'TRADITIONAL TALES AND MODERN-DAY CLASSICS'**

Friday 15th May: Exploring 'The Three Little Pigs'  
Friday 22nd May: Exploring 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'  
Friday 29th May: Exploring Indigenous Stories  
Friday 5th June: Exploring 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'  
Friday 12th June: Exploring 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'  
Friday 19th June: Exploring 'Cinderella'

Friday 26th June: Gross Motor Morning in the Hall  
Friday 3rd July: Bush School Excursion to (kelatedly)  
celebrate International Mud Day  
(Friday 10th July: NO SESSION)

**HEARTS**

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# Classroom Heartbeat

Grade 3 had an amazing time participating in the Learn to Swim program this term. In Week 1, we headed off to the Collegiate Pool each day to practice our swimming and water safety skills. Everyone learned something new and relished the opportunity to try swimming with a life jacket on, rescuing someone from the water and playing with our friends in the pool. We can't wait for Learn to Swim next year!



**Primrose** - I had a lot of fun at Learn to Swim. My instructor's name was Harry and he was really funny.

**Udyant** - I really liked wearing the life jackets and jumping in at the deep end.

**Finn** - My instructor's name was Jess and she was really nice. We got to go in the deep end a lot and I learned to tread water.

**Sovik** - The best part was jumping off the starting blocks.

**Mack** - I had a lot of fun. I learned more about doing different strokes which was good.



- A firefighter from the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) is visiting our school from the 1<sup>st</sup> – June – 5<sup>th</sup> June to present a Home Fire Safety Program to our Prep to Grade 6 students.
- Kindergarten students, whilst not receiving a structured lesson, can expect a visit from the firefighter who will leave some free fun activities for the students to complete.
- The age appropriate program is designed to raise fire awareness in children and includes fun in class activities, videos, activity books, giveaways and a new kids website [www.tfskids.com.au](http://www.tfskids.com.au).
- Parents and other family members are also encouraged to participate by reading the information and assisting your child with the after school activities.
- The TFS aims to deliver appropriate fire safety education to every primary school child in Tasmania and is part of the TFS's ongoing commitment to create a fire safe Tasmania.
- Key Fire Safety Messages include,
  - [Wake up - Install a smoke alarm in every bedroom](#)
  - [Plan and practice a home fire escape plan with the whole family](#)
  - [In a fire crawl low and go, go, go to the nearest exit](#)
  - [In an emergency call triple zero](#)
  - [Keep flammable material at least two metres from the heater](#)
  - [If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, rock and roll](#)
  - [Keep matches and lighters away from children](#)
  - [Cooking - Turn it off before you turn away](#)
  - [Cool a burn under cold water for at least 20 minutes](#)
  - [Most house fires can be avoided. Make your home fire safe](#)
- More information for parents, carers and teachers [www.tfseducation.com.au](http://www.tfseducation.com.au)
- Exciting new website just for kids [www.tfskids.com.au](http://www.tfskids.com.au)
- [SUBSCRIBE](#) to our free bi-monthly newsletter



Tasmania  
Fire Service

**HOBART SPEEDCUBING!**

Come and meet Speedcubers in Hobart! 2-5pm, Second Saturday of Every Month

Meet at Good Games Hobart!  
44 Brisbane Street

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!!**

Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>   Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>   Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>   Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>

Free to come along!

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Speedcubing Australia, in partnership with the World Cube Association presents



**Hobart Autumn 2026!!**

Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>

**Howrah Primary School**  
7 Howrah Road

Only \$28!

**ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!!**

worldcubeassociation.org/competitions/HobartAutumn2026



# CALENDAR EVENTS

## TERM 2, 2026

<b>21 MAY</b>	<b>GRADE 1 - TMAG EXCURSION</b>
<b>26 MAY</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm</b>
<b>29 MAY</b>	<b>STCPSSA CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL - REP TEAM</b>
<b>1 JUNE</b>	<b>FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION WEEK</b>
<b>2/4 JUNE</b>	<b>LEARNING CONVERSATIONS W/ CLASS TEACHERS</b>
<b>10 JUNE</b>	<b>WINTER WOOLIES DAY</b>
<b>12 JUNE</b>	<b>SILENT DISCO (MORE INFORMATION TO COME)</b>
<b>16 JUNE</b>	<b>IHMCS FEAST DAY - MASS / BUDDY ACTIVITIES</b>
<b>23 JUNE</b>	<b>ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm</b>
<b>29/30 JUNE</b>	<b>NITA EDUCATION AT IHMCS</b>
<b>6 JULY</b>	<b>NAIDOC WEEK</b>
<b>7 JULY</b>	<b>END OF TERM ASSEMBLY (HALL) @ 1.45pm</b>
<b>6/7 JULY</b>	<b>FESTIVAL OF VOICES - CHOIR STUDENTS</b>
<b>9 JULY</b>	<b>DANCE TEAM EISTEDDFOD COMPETITION</b>
<b>10 JULY</b>	<b>FINAL DAY OF TERM 2 (STUDENTS)</b>

Please see the following term dates from Catholic Education Tasmania.

<b>2026 Term Dates</b>	
Term Two (Concludes)	Friday 10 July 2026
Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 13 July 2026 – Monday 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff)	Monday 27 July 2026
Term Three Resume (Students)	Tuesday 28 July 2026
Term Three Concludes	Friday 02 October 2026
Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time	Monday 05 October 2026 – Friday 16 October 2026
Term Four Resume (Students and Teaching Staff)	Monday 19 October 2026
Student Free Day	Friday 23 October 2026
Year 10 Students Conclude	Friday 11 December 2026
Students Conclude	Thursday 17 December 2026*
Teaching Staff Conclude	Friday 18 December 2026*



FRIDAY 12 JUNE

# Silent Disco

SUPPORTED BY KOMBI KREW

KINDER-GRADE 2  
4.30-5.30PM

GRADE 3 - GRADE 6  
5.45 -7.00PM

LOCATION: IHMCS - HALL  
GOLD COIN DONATION

STUDENT ONLY EVENT - SUPERVISED BY IHMCS STAFF

PARENT DROP OFF VIA CHAPEL ENTRANCE  
PARENT PICK UP VIA MAIN HALL ENTRANCE

## Key Dates

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Canteen Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	G1 TMAG Excursion
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am Kinder room
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Canteen Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	G5 & G6 to visit St Mary's Cathedral
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Assembly (Hall) 1.45pm
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior Joey's visiting St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	National Simultaneous Storytime
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Canteen Day
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Canteen Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Canteen Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am Kinder room
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	STCPSSA Cross Country Carnival (selected students)
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> – Frid 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Fire Safety Sessions (Kinder – G6)
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Teacher Learning Conversations
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Canteen Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen Day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am Kinder room
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	King's Birthday Public Holiday ( <b>no school today</b> )
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter Woolies Day
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Canteen
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nurturing Hearts 9am – 10.30am Kinder room
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Silent Disco



Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic School is located in Nipaluna on the Traditional Lands of the Muwina people of the South East Nation who lived with and cared for this Land for many generations.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Palawa people, and the deep connection they have to Country and Culture. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Tasmanian Aboriginal Community and to Elders past and present.

We are committed to learning as a part of this community, and to supporting the continued sharing of knowledge and culture.